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Prof. John D. Lawson, LL.D., Professor of Law in the University of Missouri, and the author of several well-known works on Contracts and Evidence, will deliver a series of five lectures on Contracts, at the Yale Law School, on June 17-21. This course is designed primarily for the members of the Senior class, but will be open to the whole school.

Copies of the following letter have been sent to the graduates and friends of the Yale Law School:

NEW HAVEN, CONN., April 26, 1901.

DEAR SIR:

At a meeting of the Board of Editors of THE YALE LAW JOURNAL, held on March 30, 1901, a committee was appointed to consider and report upon the advisability of endeavoring to procure, by popular subscription from the Alumni of the Yale

Law School, a sum sufficient to purchase a portrait of the Hon. Simeon E. Baldwin, to be presented to the school. This committee having, by a unanimous vote, reported favorably, the undersigned were appointed a permanent committee to carry out the work.

Judge Baldwin's personality is in itself sufficient to warrant the undertaking of this measure. As President of the International Law Association, the American Bar Association, the American Social Science Association, the New Haven Colony Historical Society, as a Judge of the Supreme Court of Connecticut, to make no mention of the many other honors conferred upon him, he has not only distinguished himself, but also proved himself worthy of respect and regard, and a credit to our University. For nearly three decades he has rendered distinguished and faithful service as a member of the Law School Faculty, and it is a fact well known to all who have had the advantage of his instruction or acquaintance, that to his untiring and ardent efforts is in large share due the high standard which our school has attained. We feel sure that it will be the opinion of every alumnus that such worthy service is deserving of recognition.

To make the subscription a popular one, a maximum of five dollars has been decided upon. It is to be understood, however, that this sum is not to be a criterion, but that whatever less amount you may desire to contribute, will be gladly received.

Prof. Wm. Frederick Foster, Secretary of the Faculty, has kindly consented to act as Treasurer of the fund, thus assuring all donors of the proper application of their subscriptions. In order, however, not to encumber him with detail work, we would request that subscriptions be sent to George Zahm, P. O. Box 1391, New Haven, Conn., who will in turn hand over to the Treasurer all funds received by him. Checks or money orders may be made payable to either Wm. Frederick Foster or George Zahm.

Trusting that you will co-operate with us in this worthy undertaking, and awaiting your early reply, we remain,

Very respectfully yours,

GEORGE ZAHM, '00,
JOHN HILLARD, '01,
HENRY H. TOWNSHEND, '01,
OSBORNE A. DAY, '02,
CHARLES T. LARK, '02,
Committee.

Many responses have already been made to this letter, and more than one-half the sum desired has been assured. By their enthusiastic support of this project, the graduates of the Yale Law School are showing that it meets with their hearty approval. It is desired that, if possible, the entire

amount needed be subscribed before Commencement. To that end every graduate who has not already subscribed to this fund, is urged to do so at once. It was intended to send a copy of the above letter to every graduate, but in case any has failed to receive such notice, this statement will sufficiently inform him of the nature of the undertaking, and his subscription will be very gladly received.

At the annual meeting of the YALE LAW JOURNAL Corporation, held on Wednesday, May 22, 1901, Mr. Charles Tressler Lark was elected Chairman of the Board for the coming year, and Mr. Frank William Tully, Business Manager.

At a recent meeting of the editors of the JOURNAL, the following members of the Junior class were elected to the board: Messrs. George H. Bartholomew, Stanley W. Edwards, Sigisimma Engelking, Charles D. Lockwood and Mason H. Newell.

This number completes the tenth volume of the YALE LAW JOURNAL.

COMMENT.

THE "PREVAILING RATE" DECISION IN NEW YORK.

The most important decision in New York State in recent years is that rendered recently by its Court of Appeals in the now celebrated case of *People ex rel. Rodgers v. Coler*. Not only did the legality of claims to the amount of six million dollars hinge on this decision, but what is infinitely more important, it prescribes limitations on legislative control of municipalities that are inherent and implied in the Constitution of the State.

There is no dispute in respect to the facts and the papers show that in February, 1900, the relator entered into a contract with New York City for grading a portion of one of its streets. The contract provided that the engineer's decision